

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

1. **REASON FOR ISSUE:** To revise Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) occupational safety and health policy, formerly contained in VA Manual MP-3, VA Engineering, Part III, Safety, Occupational Health, and Fire Protection.
2. **SUMMARY OF CONTENTS/MAJOR CHANGES:** This directive sets forth the policies and responsibilities for managing and implementing the VA occupational safety and health program (OSH) and:
 - a. Identifies the responsibilities associated with the VA OSH program of Department officials and employees, including Veterans Health Administration and other VA organization officials.
 - b. References occupational safety and health standards, executive orders, VA directives and handbooks, and the Code of Federal Regulations as the primary sources for government-wide guidelines; and
 - c. Identifies that the funding for the initiatives, as described, will be paid from existing funds at those organizations required to establish comprehensive OSH programs.
3. **RESPONSIBLE OFFICE:** Office of Occupational Safety and Health (00S1) and Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration (006)/Designated Agency Safety and Health Official (00S).
4. **RELATED HANDBOOKS:** VA Handbook 7700.1, Occupational Safety and Health Program and VA Handbook 7700.2, Medical Surveillance Programs.
5. **RESCISSIONS**
 - a. This Directive replaces only occupational safety and health portions of MP-3, VA Engineering, Part III, Safety, Occupational Health, and Fire Protection. These are MP-3, Part III, Change 1 dated June 28, 1973; erratum to Change 5 dated March 6, 1974; Change 12, dated October 29, 1995; Change 14, dated September 6, 1976; Change 16, dated November 18, 1976; Change 18, October 12, 1997; Change 19, May 16, 1979; Change 20, dated June 22, 1981; and Change 24, dated July 7, 1988. This rescinds in their entirety:
 - (1) Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 5; and
 - (2) Appendices 1A, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3A, 5H, 5J, 5K, 5M, 5N, 5O, 5P, 5Q, 5R, and 5S.
 - b. VA Circular 00-88-6, Management, Abatement, and Removal of Asbestos in VA Facilities dated February 9, 1988, and Supplement No. 5, dated January 1, 1993.

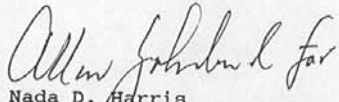
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NOTE: MP-3, Part III, Chapter 4, Fire Prevention and Suppression, and appendixes 4A, 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E, 5F, 5G, 5I, and 5T will remain in effect until revised or rescinded.

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